SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Information on so many facts has to be elicited and so many facts have to be submitted to the Hon. Minister. I feel strongly that this is such an important subject as to deserve a half-hour debate. Unfortunately, the Demand relating to Public Works is not coming up for discussion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" How is it possible for the hon. Member to say so soon that we will not discuss the Public Works Demand? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" According to the agreement that we have reached, this Demand will not come up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall consider that afterwards."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member is feeling unnecessarily anxious about the matter. It is very likely that his point of view will succeed with the Central Government who have to decide the issue. I can assure him that due consideration will be given to all the representations that have been made. He need not feel unnecessarily anxious and demand a half-hour debate."

Implementation of the award concerning Renaissance Press, Madras.

* 326 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the management of the Renaissance Press, Madras, did not pay the arrears of wages amounting to Rs. 2,500 to the workers of the said press in spite of the award given by the Commissioner of Labour to that effect on 21st February 1951; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken to enforce the award?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) It is true that the Authority under section 15 of the Payment of Wages Act passed awards in May and August 1952 directing the Managing Director of the Renaissance Printers, Ltd., Madras to pay certain workers arrears of wages due to them amounting to about Rs. 2,560. In December 1952, the employer reported to the Commissioner that all the amounts had been paid to the employees. But subsequently three of the workers were reported to have appeared before the Commissioner and stated that a sum of Rs. 782–4–0 was still due to them. The Chief Presidency Magistrate was therefore addressed by the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation on 9th December 1953 to recover the amount due to the three workers. The matter is pending with the Third Presidency Magistrate."